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# Curbside Level 2 EV Charging: Frequently Asked Questions

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## WHAT IS THIS SERVICE?

Seattle City Light is launching a service that will install public Level 2 electric vehicle (EV) chargers at curbside locations throughout the city of Seattle. City Light is offering this service to provide near-home EV charging for residents who cannot access off-street parking to charge their vehicles. This service and other investments in transportation electrification will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help fight against climate change. Customers will be able to request a charger in front of their home during a limited duration opt-in process starting in spring 2022. City Light will evaluate requests during summer 2022, and charger installations could occur in winter 2022/2023.

For additional questions, please contact City Light's public EV charging team at (206) 684-3800 or at [SCL\\_ElectricVehicles@seattle.gov](mailto:SCL_ElectricVehicles@seattle.gov). Learn more at [seattle.gov/city-light/curbside-ev-charging](https://seattle.gov/city-light/curbside-ev-charging).

## WHO CAN REQUEST A CURBSIDE LEVEL 2 EV CHARGER?

Currently, City Light is only offering this service to Seattle customers, including:

- Residents
  - Renters will need to get permission from the property owner
  - Condominium owners will need to get their homeowners' associations to agree to the request
- Residential property owners
- Homeowner's associations
- Residential property managers

Property owners, property managers, and homeowners' associations are strongly encouraged to discuss this service with residents before submitting a request to ensure that residents want a curbside EV charger and that it will fit their needs.

### **CAN THIS BE MY PERSONAL EV CHARGER? CAN I RESERVE IT FOR MYSELF?**

All curbside Level 2 EV chargers are public chargers that anyone with an EV can use. These chargers are available on a first-come, first-served basis and cannot be reserved. Owners and residents of nearby properties will not receive priority use of the chargers.

### **WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING, MAINTENANCE, AND UPKEEP?**

Seattle City Light will be responsible for maintaining and repairing the EV chargers. The property owners and occupants are still responsible for cleaning, maintaining, and upkeeping the landscaped area between the curb and sidewalk as per the Seattle Municipal Code.

Residents can report illegal dumping, graffiti or other issues to Seattle Public Utilities by calling (206) 684-7587 or visiting [seattle.gov/utilities/protecting-our-environment/safe-and-clean-seattle](https://seattle.gov/utilities/protecting-our-environment/safe-and-clean-seattle).

Residents can also report issues using the Find It, Fix It mobile app at [seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau/find-it-fix-it-mobile-app](https://seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau/find-it-fix-it-mobile-app).

### **HOW MANY ELECTRIC VEHICLES CAN CHARGE AT ONCE?**

Seattle City Light will install either a single or a double Level 2 EV charger at each location. The type will depend on the unique location characteristics and requestor and neighbors' feedback. A single Level 2 EV charger can charge one vehicle at a time, and a double Level 2 EV charger can charge two vehicles simultaneously.

### **WHY IS THIS SERVICE ONLY AVAILABLE IN THE CITY OF SEATTLE?**

Curbside chargers are located in the public right-of-way and require special permits. Currently, the Seattle Department of Transportation is the only permitting authority in the Seattle City Light service area that offers permits for EV chargers in the right-of-way. City Light may expand eligibility for this service in the future if other jurisdictions in the service area begin to provide similar permits.

### **HOW WILL THIS AFFECT PARKING ON MY STREET?**

The curbside parking space directly in front of each charger will be restricted for EV charging only. The parking spaces will be signed and marked to prohibit parking by non-EVs, including gasoline and diesel-fueled vehicles. Seattle Department of Transportation Parking Enforcement Officers enforces these parking restrictions, and violators can be fined \$124 and towed.

In addition, daytime parking in front of the chargers will be time-limited to encourage parking turnover and prevent any single driver from blocking access to a charger for an extended period of time.

### **DOES CITY LIGHT OFFER ANY OTHER EV CHARGING SERVICES?**

Seattle City Light owns and operates a growing network of public EV fast chargers throughout the service area. City Light's chargers are being installed in locations that private providers are not serving, and this is being done to ensure equitable access to charging infrastructure throughout the utility's service area.

To learn more about current and upcoming EV charging sites, additional services and incentives, please visit [seattle.gov/city-light/electric-vehicles](https://seattle.gov/city-light/electric-vehicles).